based in Andhra Pradesh also. These discussions are held in meetings formally convened as well as in informal discussions between various officials at different levels. It will there fore not be possible to provide the dates of all such meetings/discussion.

(c) SCICI has no powers to seize any deep sea fishing vessel. The authority to possess such fishing vessels vests with the Receiver, if appointed by the Government of India in respect of a particular vessel, under the powers conferred on him in terms of the SDEC Abolition Act, 1986

(d) to (f) Do not arise.

Manufacturing of cheese, butter and flavoured milk

1737. CHOWDHRY HARI SINGH: Will the Minister of FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have recently decided to manufacture cheese, butter and flavoured milk at every block office head quarter;

(b) if so, by when the above scheme is likely to be implemented;

(c) whether any registration of farmer to supply milk for the above manufacturing have started; and

(d) if so the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES (SHRI TARUN GOGOI): (a) No, Sir.

(b) to (d) Do not arise.

Committee regarding deep sea fishing

1738. SHRI PASUMPON THA. KIRUTTINAN: Will the Minister if FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to appoint an inter-ministerial Committee on deep sea fishing;

(b) if so what are the terms of reference of the Commitee and by when it is proposed to be set up;

(c) what are the terms of reference of the Empowered Committee of Secretariat on the subject; and

(d) whether the Empowered Commitee has started functioning and by when the report of the two committees are expected to be received by Governmen?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES (SHRI TARUN GOGOI): (a) and (b): Government has appointed a Technical Committee to look into the problems of the silk deep sea fishing industry. The terms of reference of this Committee are furnished in the attached statement—I. (See below)

(c) Information is furnished in the attached statement—II (See below).

(d) While the Technical Committee is expected to submit the report with in three months, the Empowered Committee of Secretaries on Deep Sea Fishing is a statutory body to examine and clear project proposals in deep sea fishing, processing etc. No report is required to be submitted by the Empowered Committee.

Statement—I

The terms of reference for the Technical Committee are as follows:—

1. to assess the factors which have contributed to the sickness of the deep sea fihing industry in India.

2. to identify the problems being faced by the existing indigenously owned fishing fleet, specially the sick units, which makes investment in this Sector less attractive.

3. to assess the implementation of the rehabilitation package announced by the Government of India in April, 1991/June, 1992.

4. to suggest additioal measures for rehabilitatin, the sick deep sea fishing units wit1 a view to maximising returns on further investment.

5. to sugest measures for effecting modification; to a part of the existing fleet fo1 diversified fishing and to consider the recommendations of the FAC Consultant in this regard; and

6. to review, and make suggestions regarding, he existing policy on deep sea fishing, with a view to making investment in this sector more attractive.

The Committee may invite any officers|experts|industry representatives as special invitees The Committee may undertake field visits, if necessary.

Statement—II

Terms of Reference of the Empowered Committee on Secretaries on deep Sea Fishing.

Functions

(A) All matters relating to deep sea fishing inclusive of matters relating to development of deep sea fishing industry;

(B) All aspects relating to the total number of vessels to be operated in the Indian EEZ, size and nature of vessels to be permitted, level of exploitation of resources, restriction of fishing areas and communications links etc;

(C) All aspects relating to development of infrastructural facilities for growth of deep sea fishing in India;

(D) All functions presently being exercised by the fishing vessel acquisition licensing Committee;

(E) Clearance of 100 per cent Export Oriented Unit proposals relating to deep sea fishing;

(F) Clearance of foreign collaborations and joint venture proposals on deep sea fishing;

(G) Clearance of charter|test fishing|lease|applications on deep sea fishing;

(H) All aspects relating to availability of adequate finance for development of deep sea fishing;

(I) All aspects relating to development of man-powers including engagement of foreign crew for Deep Sea Fishing vessels.

2. In connection with the above mentioned functions the Committee is empowered to accord single window clearance to all proposals on Deep Sea Fishing without further reference to any other agency.

Deep Sea Fishing

1739. SHRI MENTAY PADMANABHAM: Will the Minister of FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES be pleased to state:

(a) whether any survey has been done by Government as to how many entrepreneurs who originally purchased deep-sea fishing vessels through loans and finance from Government institutions in the deep-sea sector would like to retrieve their seized vessels and run them;

(b) if so, the details therof;

(c) whether there is any special cell in his Ministry to deal with the deep sea fishing units which are sick;

(d) if not, what is the mechanism available for entrepreneurs to approach and obtain speedy and positive action;